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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/29/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 8, 2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection based on Imai et al (US 6,771,882) in view of Hori (US 5,991,504) in further view of Fisher et al (US 7,133,068).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imai et al (US 6,771,882) in view of Hori (US 5,991,504) in further view of Fisher et al (US 7,133,068).

[claim 1]

In regard to Claim 1, Imai discloses a recording apparatus comprising:

- Recording mode setting for setting a first recording mode for recording moving and still image data each having a first information quantity per unit time on a recording medium (Column 1 Lines 33-60 describes the recording of digital video data wherein the moving image data is recorded onto the recording medium in various modes as further stated in Column 10 Lines 13-51. Furthermore, it is noted that still reproduction can be achieved at this time by having a frame repeated continuously for purposes of recording a still frame. The digital data being recorded is processed through the SDL recording mode as described in Column 2 Lines 19-67);
- A second recording mode for recording moving and still image data each having a second information quantity larger than the first information quantity per unit time on the recording medium (The digital data is recorded using a second mode of SD as described in Column 6 Lines 1-22. The SD recording mode allows for larger quantity per unit time as the digital data of a frame is recorded on ten tracks compared to SDL two frames are recorded on ten tracks as described in Column 1 Lines 33-58. Thereby the SD mode provides a larger quantity per unit time on the recording medium);
- Instruction means for instructing recording of a still image (Column 10 Lines 35-67 discusses still reproduction of one frame and thereby allowing the recording of the one frame into a still image appearance); however, fails to disclose

- Control means for controlling said recording means to start recording on the recording medium still image data in response to a recording instruction of the still image by said instruction means and to stop recording the still image data a predetermined recording period after the recording was started
- Wherein said control means changes the predetermined recording period for recording the still image data between a first predetermined period for recording the still image data and a second predetermined period shorter than the first predetermined period for recording the still image data in accordance with the recording mode set by said recording mode setting means so that recording means starts recording on the recording medium the still image data in response to the recording instruction of the still image by said instruction means and stops recording the still image data at the predetermined period after the recording was started when the first recording mode

Hori teaches a system of for compressing and recording still images comprising:

- Control means for controlling said recording means to start recording on the recording medium still image data in response to a recording instruction of the still image by said instruction means and to stop recording the still image data a predetermined recording period after the recording was started (Figure 3 shows the recording instruction of a still

image data as described in Column 4 Lines 64+ through Column 5 Lines 1-65. Furthermore, a predetermined recording period is based on the recording of the still picture image as described in Column 5 Lines 10-23).

It is taught by Hori to provide a control means for recording still image data based on a predetermined time to provide effective memory management between still and moving video in various modes as described in Column 6 Lines 30-59. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the recording mode system of still and moving images, as disclosed by Imai, and further teach the system to incorporate control of recording the still images based on a predetermined time, as taught by Hori, in order to allow for proper and efficient memory management of video images.

Fisher et al teaches a system wherein still images are processed and utilized from moving images further comprising:

- Wherein said control means changes the predetermined recording period for recording the still image data between a first predetermined period for recording the still image data and a second predetermined period shorter than the first predetermined period for recording the still image data in accordance with the recording mode set by said recording mode setting means so that recording means starts recording on the recording medium the still image data in response to the recording instruction of the still image by said instruction means and stops recording the still image data

at the predetermined period after the recording was started when the first recording mode (Column 6 Lines 64+ through Column 7 Lines 1-11 describes the recording of still frames based upon the extraction of still frame from video data at a correct time interval. Furthermore, it is stated and shown in Figure 7 a second predetermined time interval for recording still frames wherein the still frames provide an overlapping region between each frame as the predetermined time period is shorter and thus provides overlapping of still frames as described in Column 7 Lines 12-67 through Column 8 Lines 47).

It is thereby taught by Fisher et al to provide various time intervals for recording still pictures. The various time intervals containing a second shorter time interval for producing adjacent still frames to allow for greater overlap regions thus generate improved photographic detail (Column 8 Lines 39-48). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use recording mode system of still and moving pictures with control recordings of still pictures at predetermined time periods, as disclosed by Imai in view of Hori, and further teach the system to provide various predetermined time periods for the still images to provide proper recording of the still images, as taught by Fisher et al, in order to provide for improved video images.

[claim 2]

Regarding Claim 2, Imai discloses a recording apparatus; however, fails to disclose

- wherein the control means controls said recording means to record detection data for detecting the still image data recorded on the recording medium with the still image data in response to the recording instruction of the still image at a predetermined time defined to each of the first and second recording modes.

Hori additionally teaches an apparatus for controlling compression modes comprising:

- wherein the control means controls said recording means to record detection data for detecting the still image data recorded on the recording medium with the still image data in response to the recording instruction of the still image at a predetermined time defined to each of the first and second recording modes (Column 5 lines 47+ through Column 6 Lines 1-22 describes the detecting of still images recorded on the recording medium and is determined based on predetermined time as described in Column 5 Lines 10-22).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to use the recording mode system of still and moving images, as disclosed by Imai, and further teach the system to detect still images, as taught by Hori, providing the motivation as previously discussed in Claim 1.

[claim 3]

Regarding Claim 3, Imai discloses an apparatus wherein the first recording mode is set by said recording mode setting means and substantially positioned in the middle of the first recording (Column 1 Lines 33-57 describes the SD and SDL modes that are set based on the recording mode. Furthermore, the information being placed in the middle

of the first recording is further discussed in Column 2 Lines 6-56); however, fails to disclose

- control means controls said recording means to record the detection data by multiplexing the detection data on the image data for a period shorter than, the substantially positioned in the middle of the first recording

Hori teaches a system wherein information is multiplexed onto the data including compression and recording mode information (Column 3 Lines 35-46) and further comprising:

- control means controls said recording means to record the detection data by multiplexing the detection data on the image data for a period shorter than, (Column 5 lines 47+ through Column 6 Lines 1-22 describes the detecting of still images recorded on the recording medium based on predetermined timing. Furthermore, as seen in Figure 2 the recording of image data is shown based on the compression modes).

It is taught by Hori to provide a control means for recording information that is detected to provide an effective detection between still and moving video in various modes as described in Column 6 Lines 30-59. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the recording mode system of still and moving images, as disclosed by Imai, and further teach the system to incorporate control means for controlling the recording of detection data, as taught by Hori, in order to allow for proper and efficient detection of video images.

[claim 4]

Regarding Claim 4, Imai discloses an apparatus wherein the second recording mode is set by said recording mode setting means (Column 1 Lines 33-57 describes the SD and SDL modes that are set based on the recording mode and identified by the front and rear frames as described in Column 6 Lines 38-50); however, fails to disclose

- said control means controls said recording means to record the detection data by multiplexing the detection data on the still image data from a head portion of the second recording period.

Hori teaches a recording apparatus further comprising:

- said control means controls said recording means to record the detection data by multiplexing the detection data on the still image data from a head portion of the second recording period (Column 5 lines 47+ through Column 6 Lines 1-22 describes the detecting of still images recorded on the recording medium based on predetermined timing. Additionally, as described the data is processed based on detection of data as it enters the system. The compression modes are then set according to the inputted data from the head portion of the image data of that recording period. As seen in Figure 2 the head portion 5 allows the system information for further processing).

It is taught by Hori to provide a control means for recording information that is detected to provide an effective detection between still and moving video in various modes as described in Column 6 Lines 30-59. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of

ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the recording mode system of still and moving images, as disclosed by Imai, and further teach the system to incorporate control means for controlling the recording of detection data, as taught by Hori, in order to allow for proper and efficient detection of video images.

[claim 5]

Regarding Claim 5, Imai discloses an apparatus wherein recording means records the image data of one frame in an n number of tracks (n is an integer of 1 or more) on the recording medium on the first recording mode, and the image data of one frame in an $2xn$ number of tracks on the recording medium on the second recording mode (Figure 2 shows two recording modes wherein the recording of image data having $n=5$ tracks providing an SDL recording mode. The second recording mode of 10 tracks ($2xn$; $n=5$) providing a second recording mode of SD format. The various recording modes are described as further described in Column 2 Lines 5-56).

[claim 6]

Regarding Claim 6, Imai in view of Hori discloses an apparatus for recording in various modes; however, fails to disclose

- wherein a length of the first recording period is shorter than the second recording period.

Fisher et al teaches a system wherein still images are processed and utilized from moving images further comprising:

- wherein a length of the first recording period is shorter than the second recording period (Figure 7 shows various lengths of recording and further described in Column 8 Lines 25-59 wherein recording lengths can be decided by the system or the user).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to use the recording mode system of still and moving images, as disclosed by Imai in view of Hori, and further teach the system to have various recording periods, as taught by Fisher et al, providing the motivation as previously discussed in Claim 1.

[claim 7]

Regarding Claim 7, Imai discloses an apparatus wherein the second recording mode is set according to SD specifications defined by HD Digital VCR Council, and the first recording mode is set according to SD High Compression Specifications defined by HD Digital VCR Council (Column 1 Lines 33-59 describe the SD and SDL modes and specifications in a digital VCR environment); however, fail to disclose it is set according to the SD High Compression Specifications defined by HD Digital VCR Council.

Although, the references does not disclose the specifications according to the HD Digital VCR Council it would be obvious to incorporate the specifications (official notice). The incorporation of the SD specifications according to the HD Digital VCR Council would allow the data to comply with digital standards allowing the data to be playable on many digital mediums.

[claim 8]

Regarding Claim 8, Imai discloses an apparatus wherein detection is identification codes (Column 7 Lines 50-64 describes identification codes used for detection between various tracks and data. Furthermore, as the system records still and moving pictures it is well known in the art that PPID, FC, ST, SC signals are all automatically recorded during the recording of still and moving pictures); however, fails to disclose the detection data is a photo picture ID (PPID) defined by HD Digital VCR Council. Although, the references does not disclose PPID as defined by HD Digital VCR Council it would be obvious to incorporate the PPID as defined by the council (official notice). The incorporation of the specifications according to the HD Digital VCR Council would allow the data to comply with digital standards allowing the data to be playable on many digital mediums.

4. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imai et al (US 6,771,882) in view of Fisher et al (US 7,133,068).

[claim 9]

Regarding Claim 9, Imai discloses an apparatus having:

- a first recording mode for recording moving and still image data each having a first information quantity per unit time on a recording medium (Column 1 Lines 33-60 describes the recording of digital video data wherein the moving image data is recorded onto the recording medium in various modes as stated in Column 10 Lines 13-51. Furthermore, it is noted that still reproduction can be

achieved at this time by having a frame repeated continuously for purposes of recording a still frame. The digital data being recorded is processed through the SDL recording mode as described in Column 2 Lines 19-67);

- A second recording mode for recording moving and still image data each having a second information quantity larger than the first information quantity per unit time on the recording medium (The digital data is recorded using a second mode of SD as described in Column 6 Lines 1-22. The SD recording mode allows for larger quantity per unit time as the digital data of a frame is recorded on ten tracks compared to SDL two frames are recorded on ten tracks as described in Column 1 Lines 33-58. Thereby the SD mode provides a larger quantity per unit time on the recording medium);
- A mode switch for setting the first and second recording modes (Column 11 Lines 50-67 describes the mode switching between the two recording modes of SD and SDL. The recording modes are evaluated based on the data being processed then the appropriate recording mode is set); however, fails to disclose
 - Wherein said control means changes the predetermined recording period for recording the still image data from the start of recording still image data to the stopping of recording the still image data is between a first predetermined period for recording the still image data and a second predetermined period shorter than the first predetermined period for recording the still image data in accordance with the recording mode when

the first recording mode is set by said mode switch, said recording apparatus still image data with detection data for detecting the still image data recorded on the recording medium in response to an instruction of still image recording and stops at the first predetermined period after the recording was started and when the second recording mode is set said recording apparatus starts recording still image data when the detection data on the recording medium in response to the instruction of still image recording and stops recording at the second predetermined period after the recording was started.

Fisher et al teaches a system wherein still images are processed and utilized from moving images further comprising:

- Wherein said control means changes the predetermined recording period for recording the still image data from the start of recording still image data to the stopping of recording the still image data is between a first predetermined period for recording the still image data and a second predetermined period shorter than the first predetermined period for recording the still image data in accordance with the recording mode set by mode switch so that, said recording apparatus still image data with detection data for detecting the still image data recorded on the recording medium in response to an instruction of still image recording and stops at the first predetermined period after the recording said recording apparatus starts recording still image data when the detection data on the recording

medium in response to the instruction of still image recording and stops recording at the second predetermined period after the recording was started. (Column 6 Lines 64+ through Column 7 Lines 1-11 describes the recording of still frames based upon the extraction of still frame from video data at a correct time interval. Furthermore, it is stated and shown in Figure 7 a second predetermined time interval for recording still frames wherein the still frames provide an overlapping region between each frame as the predetermined time period is shorter and thus provides overlapping of still frames as described in Column 7 Lines 12-67 through Column 8 Lines 47. Therefore, through the changing of still frames and overlapping of still frames the predetermined recording period is altered and thereby makes the time period varying from previous predetermined periods).

It is thereby taught by Fisher et al to provide various time intervals for recording still pictures. The various time intervals containing a second shorter time interval for producing adjacent still frames to allow for greater overlap regions thus generate improved photographic detail (Column 8 Lines 39-48). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use recording mode system of still and moving pictures with control recordings of still pictures at predetermined time periods, as disclosed by Imai, and further teach the system to provide various predetermined time periods for the still images to provide proper

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recording of the still images, as taught by Fisher et al, in order to provide for improved video images.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Morita et al (US 6,584,463).

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMIE JO VENT whose telephone number is (571)272-7384. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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